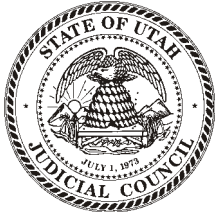


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NATIONAL CITATION AWARDED TO LOGAN COURTHOUSE

Logan, Utah—The Logan Courthouse has received a national design award from Justice Facilities Review, which is a program of the American Institute for Architecture (AIA). Justice Facilities Review is an annual design awards program that recognizes projects for excellent architectural and design achievements.

The Logan Courthouse—which opened in July 2003—is a 74,000-square-foot, three-story building, which houses eight courtrooms, administrative offices, probation offices, and many public spaces. The courtrooms are supported with judges' chambers, jury rooms, witness rooms, attorney-client conference areas, holding cells, and inmate transfer areas.

The courthouse's unique circulation system provides distinct and separate corridors and gathering spaces where the public is separated from staff and judicial representatives. Inmate circulation is on an interstitial level with courtrooms above and below to save space and reduce cost. The innovative form of movement between floors also adds to the heightened security. Inmates are transported from the initial sally port through a secure corridor to the holding cells. The inmates' cells are located between the two courtrooms, allowing the courtrooms to share holding spaces.

Of the 59 projects submitted for review by Justice Facilities Review, 43 were awarded a citation. A jury of architects and practitioners from the justice, architecture, and government sectors judged the facilities, which included correctional, court, detention, juvenile, law enforcement, and multiple-use facilities.

The architect on the Logan Courthouse was Salt Lake City-based VCBO Architecture. Oakland Construction was the general contractor on the project.

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